



OKLAHOMA AIRSTREAMERS

Oklahoma's WBCCI Unit 88 Newsletter

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Rallies and Events

"Big Silver Thing" Rally/Caravan
Birch Lake, Hayburn Lake and
Great Plains State Park OK
June 9-17, 2018

WBCCI International Rally
Salem, OR
Jun 23-30, 2018

Unit 88 Fall Rally "Oklahoma"
Sequoyah State Park, OK
Oct 10-14, 2018

Texas Country Air Rally
(WBCCI Special Event Rally)
Brownwood TX, Oct 25-28, 2018



Osage Hills State Park, Bartlesville OK

Welcome New Members!

A big welcome to our following new members: Robert & Mikki Fleenor (Sapulpa, OK)

Robert and Mikki joined us at the Osage Hills rally. We really enjoyed meeting them and sharing what turned out to be an excellent rally. Thanks Robert and Mikki for joining the Oklahoma unit! We look forward to camping with you again soon!

A Message from our President: by Larry Walters

Hello Streamers:

Well, if you missed the Osage Hills Rally you missed a good time. We had thirteen Airstreams! Those attending included: Mike & Suzy Gist; Bradley and Sandra Buresh; David Poarch & Teana Lewis; Bill & Joanne Braunbeck; Ken & DJ McCoy; Jerry & Joyce McNeil; Calvin & Wanda Pryor; Cliff & Elizabeth Nutt; Mike & Teresa Harris; Robert & Mikki Fleenor; Ron & Barbara Wilder; Wes & Jackie Anderson; and Larry & Kathy Walters.

We were lucky to have great weather and lots of interesting things to do in the area. Pawhuska had, of course, the Pioneer Woman and Kathy's favorite, The Bucking Flamingo! In Bartlesville, some of us toured the Price Tower while many took the opportunity to visit Phillip's Woolaroc museum.

We had songs around the campfire thanks to Joanne Braunbeck and yours truly. I even coaxed my lovely wife Kathy to join me for a special duet. And there was more food than anyone could consume! We learned to play Canadian Golf and Bocci Ball. One very important lesson learned; it is possible to lock your keys in your Airstream! Good to have AAA RV Insurance! They came out and rescued one of our Streamers. Thanks AAA!

Oh, some of us learned to never brag too much that you've never, ever, ever, had any problems with your Airstream... you might just go to show off your new curtains and have the door handle fall off right in your hand! Now the very good and wonderful thing about being around your fellow Airstreamers is everyone is there in a heartbeat to help your figure out any problem you might encounter, even a door handle falling apart in your hand. And if it's your first time to use your Airstream there will be plenty of folks to help you with that first parking extravaganza! Kathy learned there will always be someone with a bigger flamingo. And while many of us met each other for the first time, two streamers who had been High School classmates reconnected after 50 years!

The rally was truly a wonderful experience. We can't wait for the next chance to gather together!

On April 21st our dealer in Oklahoma, Leisure Time RV, put on a maintenance seminar with lots of information. Afterwards, we all went to Golden Corral, but try as we might, couldn't clean them out of food (however, Mr. Walters might have had every bit of peach cobbler made that day!). A big thanks to Ron Walker and his maintenance staff for hosting the seminar!

Everyone should have gotten an email about the "Big Silver Thing" Rally/Caravan, June 9th – June 17th. Bill & Joann Braunbeck are hosting this event. See the details later in the newsletter.

Our annual Fall Rally “Oklaluma” will be held October 10-14, 2018 at Sequoyah State Park, Choctaw campground. More later in the newsletter.

Hope everyone has trips planned this summer in their silver bullet. Several of us are going to Alumapalooza at the factory in Jackson Center, Ohio at the end of May. Kathy and I are going to the Nor’ by Nor East Caravan in mid July. The caravan starts in Rhode Island and goes up the East Coast to Prince Edward Island, Canada. In all, it will be a 41 day caravan. From there we will go to Quebec and back into the States at Sault St. Marie in Michigan. If you take a trip this summer and you would like to tell us about it in the newsletter, send Wes or me a note. Don’t forget about our Facebook page “Oklahoma Airstream Club” where you can post up repairs, modifications or trips for others to enjoy. Kathy and I will see everyone at the “Oklaluma” rally!

Larry

“Big Silver Thing” Mini-Caravan: by Bill Braunbeck

(Notice: This is a reminder that the “Big Silver Thing” Rally/Caravan (mini) is still scheduled. If you are interested for all or just a portion, now is the time to reserve as parks will fill up (with SOB’s) as the season progresses. Reservations can be made at the web addresses shown below.)

Hello Streamers! Joanne and I (Bill) want to practice the “Caravan Feeling”...,of course we still work, so we have the plan below (in hopes for others to join in (full or in part) to see what it is like to travel, stop, travel stop and so on...we can’t do the National Caravans yet (due to the work responsibilities and demands) but we can simulate and do a mini-“rebellious one” of our own!

🎬 Birch Cove, Birch Lake near Barnsdall, OK: arrive Saturday, June 9 and leave Tuesday, June 12 (campsite 76). Reservations made through <https://www.recreation.gov>



🎬 Heyburn Park, Heyburn Lake, north of Bristow, OK: arrive Tuesday, June 12 and leave Thursday, June 14 (campsite 17). Reservations made through <https://www.recreation.gov>

🎬 Great Plains State Park, between Altus and Lawton, OK: arrive Thursday, June 14 and leave Sunday, June 17 (campsite 35). Reservations made through <https://www.gocampok.com>



It felt good coming back to OKC from the Osage Hills rally with Wanda and Calvin, even with just two Airstreams, it seemed, for us, very impressive! The 13 of us together at Osage Hills was impressive as well! Please consider joining us all, or in part as this plan covers two weekends. All three sites have bodies of water. Again, the concept is to be accustomed to moving with others, coordinating and orchestrating each mini-move, camping as a “club” but yet retaining individuality as well...please look on line at the venues and see where you may be able to join us...as this “grows” we can **have** nightly get together times and food/light snacks etc.

The last site has hiking and fishing too! 🏞️ Hiking for Bill?...and the coyotes are really close...howling and yapping every night.

Again, this is not a “sanctioned or registered” event and you have many options to join us in part or in **full**...

- 🎬 Tulsa couples may do the first two sites, Caravanning once
- 🎬 OKC Couples may do Heyburn and Caravan with us back to OKC
- 🎬 Other Couples may want to do just Great Plains and Caravan back to OKC or points where your route back home dictates...

If you have question you can contact:

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"Oklaluma" Fall Rally - October 10-13, 2018

Our Oklahoma Unit 88 Fall Rally will be held October 10-13, 2018 at **Sequoyah State Park** in the **Choctaw Campground**

This is a beautiful campground on the shores of Ft. Gibson Lake. There are only 24 sites at this campground so we should have the place to ourselves, however, since there are only 24 sites you should get your reservations soon. You can always cancel later on. There is an 18 hole golf course for those of you who like to play golf (Ken McCoy), riding stables, marina, boat ramp, restaurant, disc golf course and nature center. Tahlequah and the Illinois River are close. We could put together a float trip if there is any interest. Quite a few of the sites have pull through drives. We will have our annual business meeting and Officer elections while we are there, camp fires, happy hours, and music. On google earth these camp sites look like they are new and they all have elec., water and sewer so make your reservations soon. Kathy and I have reserved site 11 for Oct. 9-14. Wes and Jackie have reserved site 21.

Reservations can be made at: <https://www.gocampok.com/campground/app/index.php>

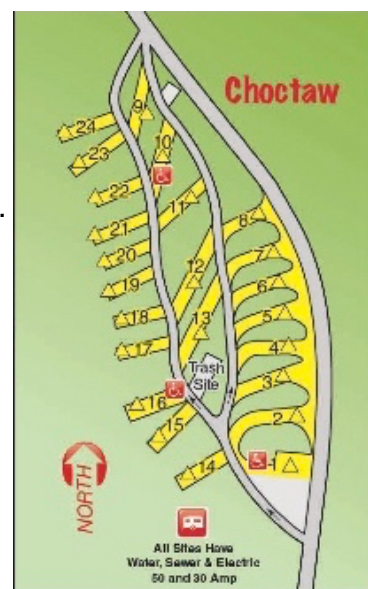
Pick your site from the map.

More details on meals and activities later.

Come join us!

Let me know if you make a reservation and what site you have.

Larry and Kathy



Caring for your Stream! by Larry Walters

SANITIZING THE FRESH WATER SYSTEM

At the maintenance seminar there were different opinions given for sanitizing the fresh water system. I wanted to provide some information so no one puts too much bleach in their system.

It is recommended that the fresh water system be sanitized once a year. It's easy to do and doesn't take much time.

To sanitize the system, look up your fresh water tank capacity in the owner's manual, and add six gallons for the water heater. Add 1.3 ounces of house hold bleach for each 10 gallons of water capacity. Turn on the water pump and run each of the faucets hot and cold until you can

smell bleach. Let the water stand in the system several hours at a minimum. Then drain the system and the water heater and refill with fresh water.

Everyone probably does this different depending on their aversion to algae in the water. I haven't been flushing the hot water tank but it couldn't hurt. I have just been flushing the tank and not running water through the faucets but I think I will start doing as suggested. We had a boat with two water tanks and it was frequently left for months at a time. I would fill the tanks and put bleach in the water when we left the boat but then we used the water with the bleach in it when we returned. We did not, however, use the water for drinking.

Oct 25-28, 2018 Region 9 Texas Country Air Rally: by Wes

The Texas Country Air Rally, formerly sponsored by the Texas Plains Unit and held in Quanah TX has been re-designated a WBCCI National/Special Event Rally. This year it is scheduled to be held in Brownwood TX, at the historic Santa Fe Railroad depot and event center. Brownwood is considered the geographic center of TX

The Texas County Air Rally is an Urban boondocking rally. Airstreams will be parked around the rally site and along streets. Our streams can easily handle three days of boondocking so I hope you will consider attending.

The rally site will be held at the old Santa Fe depot which has been restored and includes a large ball room for the entertainment. Connected to the depot is a historic Harvey House. The upstairs includes a restored Harvey girl's bedroom with period decor. Across the street is the Martin and Frances Lehnis Railroad Museum. If you enjoy train and railroad history you'll really enjoy the museum.

Registration for the rally began in January and will be limited to 200 rigs. There are still slots available so if you are interested I'd urge you get your registration in soon. As it gets closer to time slots will fill up fast! So, hook up those solar panels or load up those generators and come join in the excitement of urban air camping!

Leisure Time Maintenance Seminar

The maintenance seminar at Leisure Time 21 April had a great turnout. Fourteen members turned out to learn how to maintain their Airstreams and ask questions specific to their trailers. The Leisure Time maintenance staff were very helpful and did their best to answer all the questions we threw at them. A big thank you to Leisure Time for hosting this event!



Osage Hills Rally Reflection

Now that the Osage Rally is in the books, we thought we'd take a quick look back at the event. A Special Thanks to Larry and Kathy for all that they did to make the rally such a success!!!



As Bill would say, it was a gathering of "Big Silver Things"!

Price Tower, Bartlesville OK

Only skyscraper built by Frank Lloyd Wright

Built in 1956, 19 floors



Above - From Left to Right: Kathy, Wanda, Wes, Jackie, Joanne, Tour Guide, Joyce, Jerry. Larry was behind the camera.



Don't miss out on the fun at our Unit's Fall Rally at Sequoyah State Park, October 10-13. Register today and secure you place in what is sure to be another great Unit rally!



Larry and Kathy singing a duet



Gathering for evening festivities



Robert and Mike trying their luck at Canadian golf



Joanne entertaining the group



Cliff, David, Kathy and Larry watch as Elizabeth shows her skill at Bocci Ball.



Kathy fulfilling one of her Bucket List items by visiting "The Bucking Flamingo", Pawhuska OK

Tall Chief Cove Campground, Skiatook Oklahoma

Looking for a nice spot for a weekend get-a-way, try Tall Chief Cove Campground at Skiatook Lake. About 30 minutes north of Tulsa, this Army Corps of Engineer campground is a convenient trip for most members in central and eastern Oklahoma. Tall Chief Cove offers beautiful spots overlooking the lake. Camp sites have electric and water hookups with a dump station available on the way out. After the Osage Hills rally Jackie and I took an extra day and met up with one of our Affiliate members that was unable to attend the Osage Rally. We had a great evening of fellowship and relaxation.



Oklahoma Unit 88 Website and Facebook Page

As always, don't forget to check out our Unit's website at www.oklahoma.wbcci.net
Past newsletters can be found on it as well as upcoming events and contact information.

You can also visit us on our **Facebook** page; **Oklahoma Airstream Club**

Do you know anyone with an Airstream that's not a WBCCI member? Tell them about our Unit and ask them to check out our website and Facebook page.

And as always, Safe Travels!